MINUTES FOR NAPRA GENERAL MEETING MAR 9th

I. Called to order by Ken, N7IPB, President at 1:11 PM at the Mike and Key Electronic Flea Market in Puyallup. Introductions of all in attendance were made. There were 17 people present.

II. Treasurer, Peter, WA7FUS, reported a balance of about $1500.

III. Minutes of the February General Meeting were read by Secretary, John, KA7TTY and approved as read.

IV. Tech VP Report - Scott, N7FSP

A. The 220 backbone appeared to be down this week. The user nodes were all working, and the TNCs on the backbone appeared to be OK. The problem was identified to be the 220 radio at ELN Ellensburg which was stuck key down and transmitting. It will take a trip to Nanum Ridge to fix it, so it may be a while.

B. SEAW is sick, but a new transeiver is available to fix it. As soon as crystals arrive it should be going up.

C. Pete, N7ENT, who is the BBS for SEAW, SEA, and ALKI at the present, will be passing the job over to Scott, N7FSP, in the near future. Keep watch for more info. They plan to transition as carefully as possible to have as little inpact on users as possible.

D. We have a new 10 meter Gateway on the network. Bob, WA7HRA, is providing this service, but for traffic only! This is not a user accessable gateway.

E. In spite of the backbone problems, BBS forwarding is working good using the alternate 220 BBS forwarding node.

F. SEAW, #SEAW, and 220IP were off the air for several hours last week. It appears that the site must have lost power for a while, as they are all back working today.

G. The crystals have arrived for the 440 Backbone repeater. Ken, N7IPB, is waiting to get back a loaned station master in the next few weeks to do the final tuning.

H. The LOGO Contest is still on going. Send in entries. The LOGO will be chosen at the April (next) meeting.

I. The Node Up-Grade Committee is still looking for help. See Scott, N7FSP, if you are interested.

J. TheNET version 2.08 has become available from NJ7P and others here in the US. There are several new features which are being explored. More info will be available in the future as the nodes are up graded.

V.NEW BUSINESS

A. The question was asked if anyone is having message forwarding problems. Everyone else seemed to not have any problems. If you experience problems, send your SYSOP a note so he can investigate to see if there is a problem he can fix.

B. We were all cautioned against placing commercial bulletins on our BBSs. This is a violation of Part 97 and the FCC is watching.

C. Peter, WA7FUS, was asked about the antenna for #SEA. Peter indicated he had not contacted the owner of the antenna we are currently using yet, but planned to in the near future.

D. Net maps are available from Marc, KN7MVO or from NAPRA from Steve, N8GNJ, or John, KA7TTY.

VI. Meeting was adjourned at 1:51 PM.